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02 20 04 22 CC Apollo 8, Houston. You are riding the best one  
we can find around.

02 20 04 30 CDR Say again.

02 20 04 32 CC You are riding the best bird we can find. Over.

02 20 04 33 CDR Thank you.

02 20 04 38 CDR Roger. It's a good one.

02 20 11 45 LMP The cryo's have been stirred, Houston.

02 20 11 49 CC Roger, Bill.

02 20 12 08 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We just saw an MC&W light.

02 20 12 16 LMP We just tested the caution and warning.

02 20 12 18 CC Roger.

02 20 12 22 LMP That's keeping alert.

02 20 12 24 CC Roger. Clint there is getting white.

02 20 15 59 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We're 42 minutes from LOS,  
and we caught another caution and warning light.

02 20 16 09 CDR It was the high-gain antenna going out of limits.

02 20 16 12 CC Roger.

02 20 21 04 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Voice quality on the DSE dump  
is very good. The DSE is yours. Over.

02 20 21 14 CDR Mighty fine.

02 20 26 25 CC Apollo 8, Houston. COMM check.

02 20 26 30 CMP Read you loud and clear, Houston.

02 20 26 32 CC Roger.

02 20 30 37 CDR Houston, Apollo 8. Over.

02 20 30 40 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Go.

02 20 30 45 CDR Roger. We are ready to activate the primary  
water boiler.

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02 20 30 49 CC Roger. Copy.

02 20 30 53 CDR We got a GO?

02 20 30 57 CC Roger. GO.

02 20 31 01 CDR Okay. Steam pressure going to AUTO; H<sub>2</sub> flow going to AUTO.

02 20 31 49 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We are on low bit rate. We won't see your steam pressure; your RAD OUT is 33. Over.

02 20 32 01 CDR Roger. We're below the boiling limit, and steam pressure is steady at 0.15.

02 20 32 09 CC Roger.

02 20 33 21 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. We have got our lunar map up and ready to go.

02 20 33 29 CDR Roger.

02 20 37 38 LMP Houston, Apollo 8. Over.

02 20 37 40 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Go.

02 20 37 45 LMP Roger. We're showing a fuel pressure of 167, in AUX of 163. Wondering, do you think there's a possibility of us having a transient caution warning trip on fuel AUX pressure at the beginning of the burn that would correct itself nominally as we had a chance to pressurize? Over.

02 20 38 12 CC Roger. Understand; will check. Stand by.

02 20 38 20 LMP Roger.

02 20 38 43 CC Apollo 8, Houston.

02 20 38 49 IMP Go ahead.

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02 20 38 51 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. We've been reading fuel 173, AUX 167, holding steady for a long period of time. We expect no caution and warning trip. Over.

02 20 39 12 LMP Roger. Understand.

02 20 48 30 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Nine minutes 30 seconds from LOS.

02 20 48 38 CMP Roger. Understand.

02 20 49 00 CC Apollo 8, Houston.

02 20 49 05 CMP Go ahead.

02 20 49 08 CC Roger. In about 10 seconds, we'll have you 19 minutes from ignition. Five, four, three, two, one -

02 20 49 18 CC MARK.

02 20 53 06 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Five minutes LOS, all systems GO. Over.

02 20 53 13 CDR Thank you. Houston, Apollo 8.

02 20 53 17 CC Roger, Frank. The custard is in the oven at 350. Over.

02 20 53 30 CDR No comprendo.

02 20 53 38 LMP Roger.

02 20 56 06 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Two minutes until LOS.

02 20 56 12 CDR Roger.

02 20 57 06 CC Apollo 8, Houston. One minute to LOS. All systems GO.

02 20 57 12 CDR Roger. Going to COMMAND RESET, tape recorder FORWARD low bit rate.

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02 20 57 19 CC Roger. Safe journey, guys.

02 20 57 24 LMP Thanks a lot, troops.

02 20 57 26 CMP We'll see you on the other side. 211/2

02 20 57 54 CC Apollo 8, 10 seconds to go. You're GO all the way.

02 20 58 00 CDR Roger.

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02 21 32 02 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 32 35 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 32 50 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 33 08 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 33 21 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 33 44 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 33 52 CMP Go ahead, Houston. This is Apollo 8. Burn complete. Our orbit 160.9 by 60.5; 169.1 by 60.5.

02 21 34 07 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Roger. 169.1 by 60.5.

Good to hear your voice.

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02 21 35 23 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Verify your evaporator water control in AUTOMATIC. Over.

02 21 35 56 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 36 09 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 21 36 24 CC Apollo 8, Apollo 8, this is Houston, Houston. Over.

02 21 36 32 CDR Roger, Houston. We read you loud and clear. How do you read us?

02 21 36 35 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Reading you loud and clear now. And verify your evaporator water control panel switch to the AUTO position. Over.

02 21 36 51 CDR Roger. I am sure it is in AUTO.

02 21 36 54 CC Roger.

02 21 37 00 CMP Burn status report as follows: burn on time, burn time 4 minutes 6-1/2 seconds,  $VG_X$  minus 1.4, attitude is nominal, no trim,  $VG_Y$  was zero,  $VG_Z$  was plus 0.2,  $\Delta V_C$  was minus 20.2, orbit 169.1 by 60.5.

02 21 37 45 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Roger. The burn on time, burn time of 4 06.5,  $VG_X$  is minus 1.4. *2/2*  
*p. 15*

02 21 38 19 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Verify your EVAP water control on panel 382 is AUTO. Your EVAP OUT temperature is high. Over.

02 21 38 33 LMP Roger. Standing by.

02 21 38 40 LMP Houston, Apollo 8. Roger. Primary EVAP is AUTO,  $H_2$  flow AUTO. Do you recommend activating the secondary water boiler?

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02 21 38 51 CC Roger. Copy. Stand by.

02 21 39 10 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Reverify manual valve on panel 382, evaporator water control AUTOMATIC. Over.

02 21 39 22 LMP Roger. Verified.

02 21 39 36 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Recommend you activate your secondary water evaporator.

02 21 39 54 LMP Secondary EVAP coming on line.

02 21 39 56 CC Roger.

02 21 40 40 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Turn off your DSE, and we will go to high bit rate. Over.

02 21 40 49 LMP Roger.

02 21 40 52 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. And I will continue my readback of the burn status report. Copied VG<sub>X</sub> zero, VG<sub>Y</sub> zero, VG<sub>Z</sub> 1.2, DELTA-V Charlie minus 20.2. Over.

02 21 41 15 LMP Stand by; he's getting the chart out again.

02 21 41 21 CMP DELTA-VG<sub>Z</sub> was 0.2.

02 21 41 26 CC Roger. Understand; 0.2 on VG<sub>Z</sub>.

02 21 41 53 LMP Houston, this is Apollo 8. We are on malfunction 1 of 6, going through step 1 to step 2. Over.

02 21 42 02 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Roger. Copy.

02 21 42 08 LMP Correction. That is to step 4.

02 21 42 10 CC Roger. Copy; to step 4.

02 21 42 41 LMP Now to step 13.

*Don't  
too fast  
on primary*

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02 21 42 44 CC Roger. Step 13.

02 21 43 14 LMP Now to step 14.

02 21 43 18 CC Houston. Roger.

02 21 43 25 LMP Looks like the boiler dried out somewhere along the line.

02 21 43 28 CC Roger, Bill.

02 21 44 01 CDR Houston, this is Apollo 8. I would like to confirm that burn status report.  $VG_X$  was minus 1.4,  $VG_Y$  0.  $VG_Z$  0.2, minus 0.2 that is. DELTA- $V_C$  was minus 20.2 --

02 21 44 26 CC Apollo 8, --

02 21 44 27 CDR -- apogee 169.1, perigee 60.5.

02 21 44 36 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Roger. I will read back again. The burn was on time, 4 minutes and 6-1/2 seconds,  $VG_X$  minus 1.4, trim nominal,  $VG_Y$  zero,  $VG_Z$  minus 0.2, DELTA-V Charlie minus 20.2. Over.

02 21 45 05 CDR That's Roger.

02 21 45 06 CC Roger. And we copy your apogee and perigee.

02 21 45 24 LMP Steam pressure is coming up.

02 21 45 27 CC Roger, Bill.

02 21 46 37 LMP Step 15.

02 21 46 39 CC Roger. Concur.

02 21 46 41 LMP Very good.

02 21 46 58 LMP EVAP TEMP's coming down.

02 21 47 04 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Roger. We concur.

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02 21 47 20 LMP Okay. Houston, keep a good eye on it.  
02 21 47 23 CC Roger. We're watching.  
02 21 47 28 LMP Okay. Nice job on the malfunction procedures.  
02 21 47 32 CC Roger, Bill. Thanks.  
02 21 47 39 LMP You, too.  
02 21 49 02 LMP Give us a call when you think we ought to stop  
the secondary boiler, Houston.  
02 21 49 06 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Wilco.  
02 21 49 40 CMP Houston, Apollo 8.  
02 21 49 41 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Go.  
02 21 49 47 CMP Roger. For information, we're passing over just  
to the side of the crater Langrenus at this time  
going into the Sea of Fertility.  
02 21 49 57 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Roger.  
02 21 51 04 CC Apollo 8, Houston. What does the ole moon look  
like from 60 miles? Over.  
02 21 51 16 CMP Okay, Houston. The moon is essentially gray,  
*Level* no color; looks like plaster of Paris or sort  
of a grayish deep sand. We can see quite a bit  
of detail. The Sea of Fertility doesn't stand  
out as well here as it does back on earth.  
There's not as much contrast between that and  
the surrounding craters. The craters are all  
rounded off. There's quite a few of them; some  
of them are newer. Many of them look like -  
especially the round ones - look like hits by

lots  
of footprints  
in it,  
as we go  
have it



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meteorites or projectiles of some sort. Langrenus is quite a huge crater; it's got a central cone to it. The walls of the crater are terraced, about six or seven different terraces on the way down.

02 21 52 35 CC Roger. Understand.

02 21 52 40 CMP And coming up now, the Sea of Fertility are the old friends Messier and Pickering that I looked about so much on earth.

02 21 52 49 CC Roger.

02 21 52 50 CMP And I can see the rays coming out of blaze Pickering. We're coming up now near our P-1 initial site which I'm going to try and see. Be advised the round window, the hatch window, is completely iced over; we can't use it; Bill and I are sharing the rendezvous window.

02 21 53 15 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Roger. Got any more information on those rays? Over.

02 21 53 24 CMP Roger. The rays out of Pickering are quite faint from here; there are two different groups going to the left. They don't appear to have any depth to them at all, just rays coming out.

02 21 53 42 CC Roger.

02 21 53 45 CMP They look like just changes in the color of the mare.

02 21 54 08 CC Bill, if you can tear yourself away from that window, we'd like you to turn off the secondary evaporator. Over.

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02 21 54 16 LMP Roger. Going OFF.

02 21 54 45 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. You can leave that secondary pump on for just a few minutes. Over.

02 21 54 53 CMP Stand by.

02 21 54 54 LMP Roger.

02 21 55 28 CMP Okay. Over to my right are the Pyrenees Mountains coming up, and we're just about over Messier and Pickering right now. Our first initial point is easily seen from our altitude. We're getting quite a bit of contrast as we appear - as we approach the terminator. The view appears to be good, no reflection of the sun back to our eyes; it appears that visibility at this particular spot is excellent. It's very easy to pick out our first initial point; and over this mountain chain, we can see the second initial point, the Triangular Mountain.

02 21 56 33 LMP And we're coming upon the craters Colombo and Gutenberg. Very good detail visible. We can see the long parallel faults or Granons, and they run through the Mare material right into the high-land material.

02 21 57 41 CMP We're directly over our first initial point now for P-1. It's almost impossible to miss, very easy to pick out, and we look right over into the second initial point.

02 21 57 56 CC Roger, Jim.

*Doclinus*  
*Doclinus*  
*Says Farook*  
*26 Dec*  
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02 21 58 04      CMP      I can see very clearly the five crater star formation which we had on our lunar chart --

02 21 58 14      CC      Roger.

02 21 58 18      CMP      -- And right now, I'm trying to pick out visually P-1.

02 21 58 28      CC      Roger, Jim. Bill, you can turn off the secondary EVAP pump now.

02 21 58 40      CDR      Houston, this is Apollo 8.

02 21 58 43      CC      Apollo 8, Houston. Go.

02 21 58 47      CDR      Roger. How about giving us a system status, please?

02 21 58 51      CC      Roger.

02 21 59 19      CMP      Okay. I've got P-1 in sight now, Houston.

02 21 59 30      CC      Roger, Jim.

02 21 59 32      CMP      It's very easy to spot. You can see the entire rims of the craters from here with, of course, the white crescent on the far side where the sun is shining on it. The shadows are quite lengthy now. Maskelyne B (Marsh of Sleep) has quite a few shadows off of it, but it can be recognized. Just west of the Maskelyne B, we start going to the terminator. The terminator is actually quite sharp over the Pyrenees, and it's - I can't see anything in earthshine at this present time. Bill says that he can see things out the side window when he's not looking down on the sunshine on the moon.

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02 22 00 50 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. All systems are GO.  
We're evaluating the strip charts on your SPS  
burn, and we'll give you a readout on that  
shortly. Over.

02 22 01 03 CDR Roger. Thank you. It seemed smooth. Do you  
need high bit rate any more?

02 22 01 15 CC Roger. We'd like high bit rate. We have dumped  
your DSE, and we'd like to stick with high bit  
rate for a while.

02 22 01 26 CDR Roger.

02 22 01 45 CMP Well, we're just about over Maskelyne B (Marsh  
of Sleep) now, and our target is just directly  
below us.

02 22 01 32 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. If you want the re-  
corder now, it's yours.

02 22 02 41 LMP Roger. Thank you.

02 22 03 17 CC Apollo 8, Houston. MSFN tracking is comparing  
very well with your onboard NAV.

02 22 03 26 CDR Roger.

02 22 03 31 CDR Houston, for your information, we lost radio  
contact at the exact second you predicted.

02 22 03 40 CC Roger. We concur.

02 22 03 47 CDR Are you sure you didn't turn off the transmitters  
at that time? *(Laughing in view room)*

O 02 22 03 52 CC Honest Injun, we didn't.

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02 22 04 00 CDR While these other guys are looking at the moon, *laughter*  
I want to make sure we have a good SPS. How about *mission*  
giving me that report when you can? *Control*

02 22 04 06 CC Sure will, Frank. *(withhold 212/18)*

02 22 04 14 CDR We want a GO for every REV please; otherwise,  
we'll burn in TEI 1 at your direction.

02 22 04 21 CC Roger. I understand.

02 22 07 22 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Are you eating?

02 22 07 28 CDR Say again.

02 22 07 39 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Are you eating dinner?

02 22 07 45 CDR Negative. We'll have breakfast in a little while  
here.

02 22 07 49 CC Roger.

02 22 08 00 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. When you go into  
the dark in about 7 or 8 minutes, I have some  
words for you on the filters for the wide-angle  
lens, for your TV camera. Over.

02 22 08 19 CDR We are in the dark now.

02 22 08 23 CC Roger. Let me know when you are ready to copy.

02 22 08 36 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Any words on earthshine?  
Over.

02 22 09 13 LMP Earthshine is about as expected, Houston. Not  
as much detail, of course, as in the sunlight,  
but you can see the large craters quite distinctly,  
and you can see the albedo contacts quite dis-  
tinctly. And, also, the - there's a good three-  
dimensional view of the rims of the larger craters.

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02 22 09 43 CC Roger, Bill.

02 22 09 54 LMP I think our high-speed film will be able to  
pick some of this stuff up quite well.

02 22 09 58 CC Roger.

02 22 12 44 LMP Go ahead with your information on the filter,  
Houston.

02 22 12 47 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Roger. We recommend you  
use a wide-angle lens on this particular TV run.  
You can use a telephoto lens with the same setup  
as yesterday's TV show. However, we recommend  
a wide-angle lens. Step number 1, tape the single  
red filter to the red filter on the red/blue  
filter holder; do it so that the filter slide still  
functions. Over.

02 22 13 38 LMP Go ahead.

02 22 13 40 CC Roger. Step number 2, attach the filter holder  
to the lens with the tape on the top and bottom;  
do this with the slide forward. Over.

02 22 14 04 CDR Go ahead.

02 22 14 05 CC Roger. Then at the end of your second REV TV pass,  
or on request from here, we would like you to remove  
that red filter from the holder and transmit briefly  
with it that way, then slide it over the blue side  
for your final transmission. Over.

O 02 22 14 27 CDR We got you.

02 22 14 28 CC Okay, Frank.

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02 22 15 35 CDR Houston, Apollo 8. Standing by to record TEI 1 and TEI 2.

02 22 15 40 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Your TEI 1 and TEI 2 PAD's you received last pass are still good. Using these PAD's, your next midcourse will be less than 20 feet per second. Over.

02 22 15 56 CDR Roger. Understand.

02 22 16 14 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We have all the SPS experts looking at your data now. The preliminary look is very good, and we will give you some final words later.

O 02 22 16 28 CDR Roger. We could feel the chug when we threw in BANK B, not a chug, but we could feel additional thrust.

02 22 16 37 CC Roger. Copy.

02 22 16 44 LMP Houston, be advised on this red/blue filter technique on the TV. You cannot slide the two filters out of the way with them taped onto the TV camera; so I suggest we do red, blue, and then take them off.

02 22 17 06 CC Roger. We concur, but make sure the little red filter is taped over the big one. Over.

02 22 17 20 LMP Alright, you don't want the red fil - you want the blue by itself. Is that correct?

O 02 22 17 25 CC That's affirmative, Bill.

02 22 17 33 CC Bill, we'd like you to use the double red filter for the first transmission. Over.

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02 22 17 43 LMP Roger. It worked.

02 22 18 38 CC Apollo 8, Houston.

02 22 18 43 LMP Go ahead, Houston. Apollo 8.

02 22 18 45 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. If you should decide  
that you want to roll heads up on REV 2, one  
thing to remember, be sure you yaw 45 degrees  
right in order to maintain your high-gain antenna  
COMM. Over.

02 22 19 01 CDR We will not do that; we're going to stick with  
the flight plan, and make the best we can here.

02 22 19 06 CC Roger, Frank.

02 22 19 12 CDR As usual, in the real world, the flight plan  
looks a lot fuller than it did in Florida.

O 02 22 19 18 CC Roger. Understand.

02 22 27 19 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We need an O<sub>2</sub> purge now.

02 22 27 27 LMP Roger. And we're standing by for a map update.

02 22 27 31 CC Roger.

02 22 27 43 CMP Houston, Apollo 8. Just for your information,  
after we completed P52, I acquired the earth in  
the sextant. Quite a sight from here.

02 22 27 57 CC Roger. Bet it is.

02 22 28 11 CDR How are the systems experts on the SPS coming,  
Jerry?

02 22 28 16 CC They are still working, Frank; another 5 or 10  
minutes.

O 02 22 28 24 CDR Roger.

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02 22 28 38 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Your SPS data looks real good.  
It is just a matter of getting it all in from the  
site and getting it looked at.

02 22 28 48 CDR Thank you.

02 22 28 49 CC So far, everything looks copacetic.

02 22 30 42 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We would like to take about  
5 minutes of high bit rate. Over.

02 22 30 50 CDR Roger. Five minutes of high bit rate coming on.

02 22 30 52 CC Roger.

02 22 30 56 CDR You've got it.

02 22 32 14 CC Apollo 8, Houston with a map update.

02 22 32 15 CDR Stand by one.

02 22 32 52 CDR Go ahead with the map update.

02 22 32 55 CC Roger, Frank. Map update: REV 1/2, no change; the  
REV 2/3 follows: 73 04 57, 73 09 37, 73 19 01, 73  
48 53, 74 24 23; remarks: Bravo 1 74 16 24. Over.

02 22 33 49 CDR Roger. Copy.

02 22 33 52 CC Roger. We show you 23 minutes to LOS.

02 22 33 59 LMP Roger. Are you going to dump the tape?

02 22 34 41 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. You are GO for REV 2;  
all systems are GO. SPS evaluation is still under-  
way and looking good. Over.

02 22 34 56 CDR Understand; GO for REV 2. Thank you.

02 22 35 00 CC Roger, Apollo 8. We're still using the tape  
recorder. We will dump it in a little bit.

02 22 35 35 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. The recorder is  
yours. You can go to low bit rate.

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02 22 35 43 CDR Thank you.

02 22 37 55 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Request BIOMED switch center.

02 22 38 04. CDR Three, two, one -

02 22 38 08 CDR MARK. *2 engine in manual control by?*

02 22 38 11 CC Roger. Mark.

02 22 43 50 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Put your TELEMETRY INPUT switch to LOW. Over.

02 22 43 57 CDR Roger. GO in LOW.

02 22 44 38 CDR Houston, Apollo 8. We're in the process of preparing meal 4, day - correction: day 4, meal A.

02 22 44 47 CC Roger, Frank.

O 02 22 48 13 LMP Houston, Apollo 8. Over.

02 22 48 15 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Go.

02 22 48 20 LMP Are you going to be able to dump that tape prior to LOS?

02 22 48 30 CC Roger. Bill, they say they have already dumped the tape, and it's almost totally clean.

02 22 48 42 LMP What does that mean?

02 22 48 52 CC That means you have got about 2 minutes of low bit rate on there, but the rest is clean. Over.

02 22 48 59 LMP The high bit rate of the burn wasn't on there?

02 22 49 03 CC Negative. We've already dumped and got that.

02 22 49 18 LMP Okay. Let me know when you're going to dump it next time, Jerry. I understand we are GO now on the DSE. Have you got any voice off of it?

O 02 22 49 26 CC That's affirmative. We did.

02 22 49 31 LMP Okay. Thank you.

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02 22 50 10 CC Apollo 8, Houston. The voice quality on your tape was just fair-to-middling; we were able to monitor your burn and hear most of that pretty well.

02 22 50 27 LMP Roger. Did you get a report of the photography accomplished, or is that on the tape at present?

02 22 50 36 CC Negative. We haven't heard that.

02 22 50 42 LMP Okay. We will put it on the tape now.

02 22 50 46 CC Roger.

02 22 51 53 CC Apollo 8, Houston. You are 4 minutes and 40 seconds away from LOS. I would like a reconfirmation on your S-band AUX switch in the DOWN-VOICE BACKUP position. Over.

O 02 22 52 09 CDR Negative; it is in the NORMAL voice. We will go DOWN-VOICE BACKUP.

02 22 52 17 CC Roger. Request you leave it there forever. Over.

02 22 52 22 CDR Roger. In DOWN-VOICE BACKUP now.

02 22 52 44 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. All systems are GO. You're still JO for REV 2. Over.

02 22 52 53 CDR Thank you.

02 22 55 32 CC Apollo 8, Houston.

02 22 55 37 CDR Go ahead, Houston. Apollo 8.

02 22 55 39 CC Roger. One minute to LOS.

02 22 55 44 CDR Thank you.

O 02 22 56 25 CC Apollo 8, Houston. Ten seconds to LOS. All systems are GO.

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BEGIN LUNAR REV 2

02 23 39 46

CC

Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 23 40 42

CC

Apollo 8, Houston. Over.

02 23 40 52

LMP

Houston, this is Apollo 8 with the TV going.  
Over.

02 23 41 00

CC

Apollo 8, this is Houston. Reading you loud  
and clear. We see your TV. It is a little  
bit - little bit clearer.

02 23 41 15

LMP

Roger. The moon is very bright and not too  
distinct in this area. I will give you a shot  
of the horizon.

02 23 41 21

CC

Roger.

02 23 41 25

LMP

How's that look? Is it on the top or your  
picture?

02 23 41 30

CC

Apollo 8, this is Houston. It's a good pic-  
ture - the horizon - we can't see many terrain  
features as yet.

02 23 41 41

LMP

Roger.

02 23 41 48

CC

Apollo 8, Houston. We are beginning to pick  
up a few craters very dimly; the whole thing  
is pretty bright.

02 23 41 58

LMP

Roger. There is not much definition up here  
either out out on the horizon. We are now  
approaching the craters See and Bassett.

02 23 42 06

CC

Roger.

02 23 42 15

LMP

I'll shift to the rendezvous window.

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02 23 42 18 CC Roger, Bill.

02 23 42 22 CC Apollo 8, Houston. We want to take the DSE.

02 23 42 28 LMP Roger. You've got it.

02 23 42 29 CC Roger. Looks like we've got a real good picture now.

02 23 42 35 LMP Okay. That's the crater Brand.

02 23 42 37 CC Roger.

02 23 42 42 LMP Sorry we missed Carr. *Henry*

02 23 42 43 CC Me, too.

02 23 42 54 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. We are going to need a cryo fan cycle sometime during this pass.

02 23 43 02 LMP Roger. Can we wait till sunset?

02 23 43 06 CC Roger. We can wait. *Miller*

02 23 43 10 LMP Okay. I think we are coming up on Miller right now.

02 23 43 53 LMP There's a very new bright impact crater; should be in the field of view now.

02 23 44 01 CC Roger, Bill.

02 23 44 05 LMP You see it in the upper part of your screen.

02 23 44 10 CMP Say, Bill, how would you describe the color of the moon from here?

02 23 44 14 LMP The color of the moon looks like a very whitish gray, like dirty beach sand with lots of footprints in it.

02 23 44 23 CMP Some of these craters look like pickaxes striking concrete leaving a lot of fine haze dust.

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02 23 44 38 LMP There's some interesting features out on the other window. Let me switch windows on you now.

02 23 44 41 CC Roger, Bill.

02 23 44 48 LMP You should see the horizon now in the top of your picture.

02 23 44 51 CC Roger. We have the horizon, Bill.

02 23 45 01 CC Apollo 8, Houston.

02 23 45 02 LMP I believe these are the craters now Basset and See.

02 23 45 07 CC Roger, Bill. If you have the polarizing filter handy, try flipping it in front, would you?

D 02 23 45 15 LMP Roger.

02 23 45 18 CMP Jerry, as a matter of interest, there's a lot of what appears to be very small new craters that have these little white rays radiating from them.

02 23 45 29 CC Roger, Jim.

02 23 45 50 CC Roger. We see the filter going over it. Apollo 8, this is Houston. Looks like we have to much light. The polarizing filter doesn't help much. Go ahead and remove it again.

02 23 46 16 LMP Roger. It's removed.

02 23 46 25 CC Looks like we just got --

D 02 23 46 26 LMP Roger. We're just passing over the crater Borman, and there's Anders out there; Lovell is right south of it.

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02 23 46 33 CC Roger. The TV is breaking up now. Okay. We are back with a good picture. Looks like we just have too much light. Our definition is rather weak.

02 23 46 49 LMP Roger.

02 23 47 01 LMP Also, we're fogging up the window here, Houston, among other problems.

02 23 47 06 CC Roger, Bill. The other window is better than that one.

02 23 47 12 LMP Okay.

02 23 47 21 CC Much better picture, Bill; much better.

02 23 47 25 LMP Alright. The right side of the camera is pointing retrograde. We are now passing abeam of the crater Houston; I will show the camera over there once for the folks in Texas.

02 23 47 47 CC Roger.

02 23 47 53 LMP It's a big and sprawly one; it's got those two impact craters, one to the right and one to the left.

02 23 48 03 CC Roger, Bill.

02 23 48 13 LMP How's your picture?

02 23 48 15 CC Still about the same, Bill. It's - the terrain's pretty bright. We are not getting much definition at all; definition on this side is much much better.

02 23 48 26 LMP Okay. I think - Okay. We are leaving the

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window; that gives you an idea how bad our window is.

02 23 48 34 CC Roger. This picture now is much better; I guess the light levels are decreasing now.

02 23 48 42 LMP Okay. We are coming up on the crater Collins.

02 23 48 45 CC Roger. What crater is that just going off.

02 23 48 52 LMP That's some small impact crater.

02 23 48 56 CC Roger.

02 23 48 57 LMP We will call it John Aaron's.

02 23 48 59 CC Okay.

02 23 49 04 LMP If he'll keep looking at the systems anyway.

02 23 49 06 CC He just quit looking.

02 23 49 19 CMP Jerry, another ID feature: these small impact craters have dark spots in the center where it appears that they buried in it and hit some new material down below and scattered a lot of fine white dust around them.

02 23 49 32 CC Roger. Understand, Jim.

02 23 49 39 CC Apollo 8. This is Houston. Looks like we could see Collins now.

02 23 49 48 LMP Roger. There is Collins for you.

02 23 49 52 CMP And Collins is right on the edge of Smythe's Sea which we are about to pass over.

02 23 49 57 CC Roger.

02 23 50 24 CC Apollo 8. This is --

02 23 50 26 LMP We are now going across the Smythe Sea. Go ahead.



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02 23 50 31 CC Roger. We just saw a Stellenword go by.

02 23 50 39 LMP Roger. He was really in a hurry.

02 23 50 45 CC Roger. Picture is much improved now; getting better all the time.

02 23 50 51 LMP Roger. The terrain here is, as you can see, not well defined. We are going to start a roll to the left, in order to come across the target area, with the television --

02 23 51 15 CC Roger.

02 23 51 16 LMP -- landing site area.

02 23 51 18 CC Roger, Bill.

02 23 51 38 LMP How is that crater in - right in the middle look now?

02 23 51 41 CC Roger. That's a very good one; that must be O'Neal.

02 23 51 49 LMP Roger.

02 23 52 09 CC Roger, Bill. We see O'Neal real well, also the smaller crater off to the side of it.

02 23 52 19 LMP That's Dennis.

02 23 52 21 CC Roger.

02 23 52 38 CDR Houston, this is Apollo 8. We are going to terminate our program for this pass and get on with the preparations for LOI 2, if you say we are GO.

02 23 52 49 CC Apollo 8, this is Houston. Roger.

02 23 52 55 CDR Okay. Signing off until ninth rev. Apollo 8.

who's  
O'Neal?